

## Leelanau Cellars Recognized with Multiple Awards at the 2019 San Francisco Chronicle Wine Competition

**01/15/2019-** San Francisco, CA - Leelanau Cellars was recognized with five awards at the 2019 San Francisco Chronicle Wine Competition, receiving Gold for the 2016 Dry Riesling; Silver for the 2017 Pinot Grigio, 2016 Chardonnay, 2016 Merlot; Bronze for the 2016 Semi-Dry Riesling. All of the award-winning Leelanau Cellars wines were cultivated, harvested and produced from specific sites across three vineyards on the Leelanau Peninsula.

"We are thrilled to be recognized by the San Francisco Chronicle Wine Competition for our Leelanau Peninsula estate wines. To our team and consumers, these awards demonstrate our commitment to producing a great product, in a great package at a great price. It also speaks to the experience and skill of our Winemaker, David Hill," said Bob Jacobson, President of Leelanau Cellars.

To meet the requirements of the competition, wines were required to be part of a single lot of at least 60 gallons of identical finished wine and from a bonded winery (no amateur wines accepted). Only fruit and grapes grown or produced in the United States, Canada, or Mexico were eligible for entry.

The San Francisco Chronicle Wine Competition has grown to become one of the world's most respected and highly publicized wine competitions. Over 64 professional judges representing various North American wine regions, evaluating over 6,800 wines from over 1,132 wineries for the 2019 Wine Competition.

The competition has established itself as a platform for large and boutique wineries alike to showcase their wines on a national scale and increase sales. With Canada and Mexico added in 2019, the competition is now the largest in North America.

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### About Leelanau Cellars

The Jacobson family founded Leelanau Cellars in 1974 in one of its Leelanau County cherry orchards, believing Northern Michigan would be a great place to grow wine grapes and produce wine. At the time, nobody knew if that faith would be fulfilled. +40 years later, the winery is still family owned and operated, the region boasts over 30 wineries, and that belief has been confirmed. Over the years, the tasting room has grown into a popular area attraction, now greeting over 40,000 visitors annually on the shores of the Grand Traverse Bay. Distributing 200,000 cases annually, the Leelanau Cellars brand is easily recognizable in retail wine stores and restaurants throughout the state of Michigan and the surrounding Great Lakes region. Learn more at [www.lwc.wine](http://www.lwc.wine)